

# Britain's Foremost Soldier Answers The Last Roll Call

**Field Marshal, Earl Roberts, Visiting the British Forces at the Front Contracts a Chill and Dies of Pneumonia at the Advanced Age of 82—British and French Papers Pay the Dead Warrior High Tribute**

London, Nov. 14 (Press Bureau).—Lord Kitchener announces, with deep regret, which he knows will be shared by the Whole Army, that he received this evening the following telegram from Sir John French:

"Deeply regret to tell you that Lord Roberts died at 8 this evening. Lord Roberts was on a brief visit to France to greet the Indian troops, of which he was Colonel-in-Chief. He contracted a chill on Thursday and succumbed after a short illness to an attack of pneumonia."—Harcourt.

**Call Came Suddenly.**  
London, Nov. 16.—The death of Lord Roberts, which occurred on Saturday evening at the Headquarters of the British Expeditionary Force in France, was extremely sudden.

He was in his usual good health when he left England on Wednesday last with his daughter, Lady Alice Roberts, and his son-in-law, Major Lewin. The party had a rough trip crossing the Channel, but the aged general felt no effects, and went through with his programme on the Continent. In fact, he was about to return home, when his death occurred.

**Reviewed the Troops.**  
Earl Roberts had motored to the British bases and camps, had reviewed the Indian troops and had conferred with the leading officers. It was not until about dinner time on Friday that he complained of a slight chill. As he was subject, more or less, to trifling chest troubles, he followed his usual course and went to bed early. As his temperature increased, medical men were called, and pronounced his condition critical. They relieved the General of what pain he was suffering, and he fell asleep. His death occurred during sleep.

**Caused Profound Grief.**  
The passing of the great warrior has created profound grief throughout the country, and at all churches and cathedrals where the soldiers are training, touching references were made yesterday of his death, and "The Dead March in Saul" played.

A telegram to Lady Roberts, from Field-Marshal Sir John French in the name of the Army serving in France, expressed deep sympathy, saying: "Your grief is shared by us, who mourn the loss of a much-loved chief, as he was called. It seems a fitting ending to the life of a great soldier, that he should have passed away amidst the troops he loved so well, and within sound of the guns."

**Always Active.**  
Lord Roberts' devotion and interest in the Army, his hard work in this connection and his seeming good health, had been the subject of comment since the beginning of the war. He was the most popular military figure in Britain, and a national hero without rival in the affections of the people. Despite his years, he had never ceased from hard work since his nominal retirement.

**Refused the Offer.**  
As he had often remarked, he lived a rigidly abstemious life that he might preserve his strength for the service of his country.

**Lord Roberts' Career.**  
Sir Frederick Sleight Roberts, first Earl Roberts of Kandahar, Pretoria and Waterford, was born at Cawnpore, India, in 1832. At the age of sixteen he entered the Bengal Artillery and, six years later, in 1857, saw his first active service in the Indian Mutiny, in the course of which he won the Victoria Cross.

**Gifts For Volunteers**  
The various clubs and organizations in town have opened subscription lists in their rooms for Xmas presents and souvenirs for those of their members who are in the army and navy. The lists are meeting with generous response, and the "absent ones" will no doubt greatly appreciate the remembrances of their friends.

**B. I. S. Smoker**  
The members of the B.I.S. are holding a smoker in their rooms on Thursday night next. The programme is in the hands of Messrs. Slattery, Halley and Crotty and an enjoyable evening is looked forward to.

**Promotions.**  
He was promoted to lieutenant-general, in 1883; general, in 1890 and field-marshal in 1895.

In 1899, he was sent out to South Africa to take command of the British forces in the Boer War. The war had been in progress for some time and the British had met with several reverses.

**U.S. GERMANS TURNED DOWN**  
Oshkosh, Nov. 15.—German-Americans, who sent a telegram to President Wilson, notifying him that a trainload of armaments for Canada had passed through the city on the Soo road, have received a reply from Secretary of State Bryan, as follows:

"Your telegram of Nov. 9th is received. If cannon and ammunition are sold in the United States, and shipped out in the ordinary course of trade, there is no violation of the neutrality law of the States."

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## OUR BOYS FIGURE IN BIG PARADE

Newfoundland and New Zealand Contingents Cheered Vociferously on Lord Mayor's Day

London, Nov. 10.—The Lord Mayor's show this year will be remembered as the khaki pageant in which the overseas dominions played a prominent part. The Canadian troops, both mounted and on foot, were easily recognised, as most Londoners are now familiar with the maple leaf badges and the red and blue shoulder straps. The Strathcona Horse coming early in the procession were greeted with tumultuous cheers and cries of "Well done, Canada."

**Thrilling Incidents.**  
The usual mid-day halt at the law courts while the new lord mayor took the oath of office, afforded some unheeded incidents. The Canadian troops among which were some of the 5th Royal Highlanders from Montreal, and the Princess Patricia Infantry, drew up before the Montreal Gazette's London Office in Marconi House. Waitresses from the Aerated Bread Company's Restaurant brought out supplies of sandwiches and served to the Canadians, while girls perched on the windows of Somerset House tossed packets of cigarettes to the men wearing the Maple Leaf. One young woman slipped from the sidewalk through the cordon of police and placed a piece of white heather in the hand of one of the Princess Patricia's soldiers for good luck.

**Placed "O Canada."**  
When the procession resumed, the Aleria band, which headed the Canadian Contingent, played "O Canada." The Newfoundland and New Zealand Contingents, and the King Edward Horse, which has many Canadians in its ranks, were cheered vociferously, while the London Scottish territorialists received a great ovation.

A large number of the Canadian troops, who had leave from Salisbury Plain, watched the procession as spectators.

Among the vast crowd who watched the procession were thousands of Belgian and French refugees to whom the display proved an impressive object lesson in the unity of the empire.

There were three hundred and fifty Canadians in the procession, and they included men from every branch of the force now at Salisbury Plain.

**TOOK PRISONERS AND TWO GUNS**  
So Claim the Germans in a Report Issued at Berlin—Nothing Definite in East

Berlin, Nov. 15.—Fighting on our right wing made slight progress yesterday, owing to unfavorable weather, but in the course of a difficult preliminary encounter we captured several hundred prisoners and two machine guns.

In the forest of Argonne we succeeded in blowing up and capturing a strong French fort of support.

In the east, fighting continues on the East Prussian frontier and in Russian Poland, without a definite decision being reached.

**GERMAN ATTACK ENDS IN FAILURE**  
Germans Unable to Capture the Nieupoort Bridge—Offensive Fails in Other Regions

Paris, Nov. 14.—A French official communication given out in Paris this afternoon says: "In Belgium the German attack against the head of the bridge at Nieupoort resulted in failure and various efforts at offensive movements on the part of the enemy in this region to the East and Southeast of Ypres have been checked."

In the environs of Bixschote we have progressed one kilometer toward the East.

Between the Canal of Labasse and Arras our troops have made minor progress.

In the region of Lassigny and in the vicinity of the Aisne as far as Berry au Bac, the Germans have attacked but without success.

In the Argonne the fighting has recommenced with greater spirit and the enemy endeavored, but in vain, to recapture Four de Paris and St. Hubert.

Particularly in the vicinity of Verdun, several partial offensive movements on the part of the enemy were checked by the fire of our artillery, before a forward movement of the enemy's infantry could be undertaken.

In Woivre District and Lorraine there is nothing to report.

**ONE SURVIVOR OF WHOLE CREW**  
Parrsboro, N.S., Nov. 15.—The schooner St. Anthony, from St. John for Seilmah, with general cargo, went ashore in a gale on Friday night, at the mouth of Advocate Harbour, near Parrsboro, and is a total wreck.

Of the crew of five men, only the mate, Samuel Redmond, is known to be saved. He was found on a spar on Saturday.

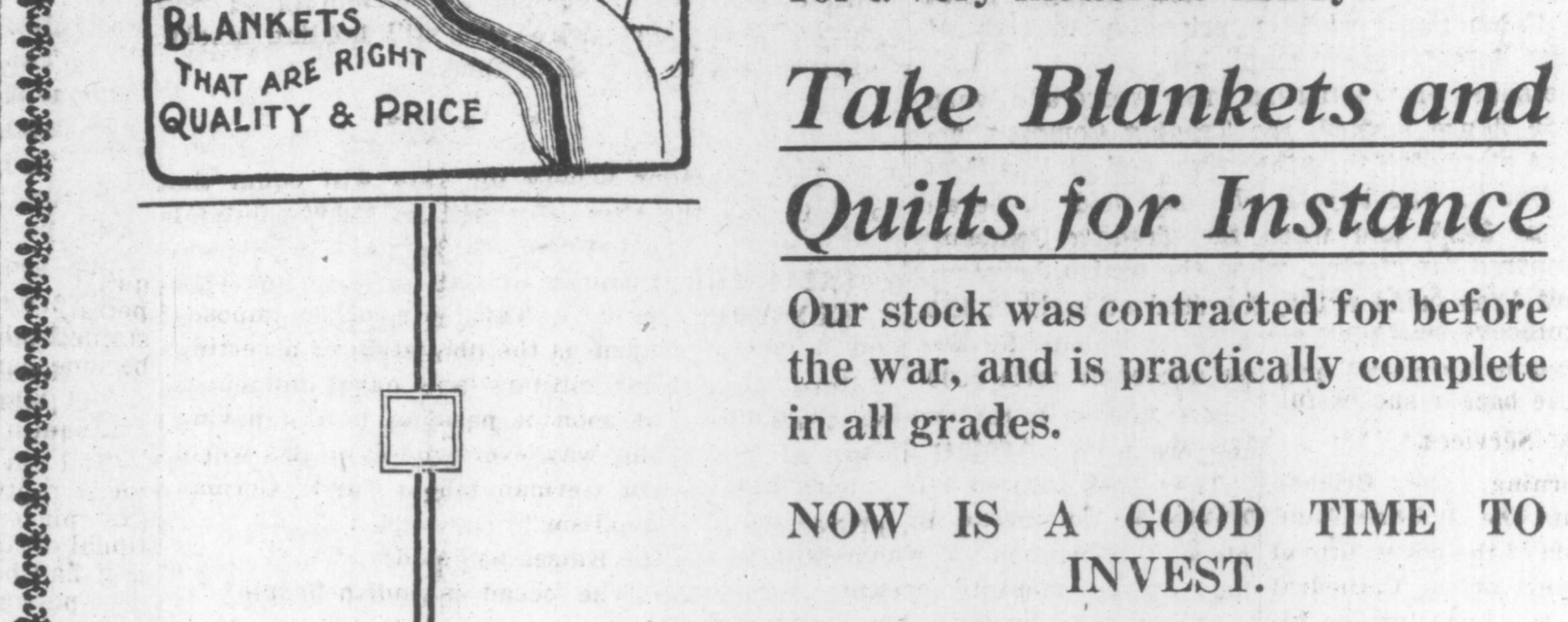
Redmond and two others got on a piece of wreckage but were washed off, and the others were drowned, while Redmond caught the broken spar.

# A Wise Investment

In these strenuous days, when every dollar counts, you want to get the best possible value for your money.

While stocks may fluctuate "on change," variations in the weather can easily be dealt with, and discomfort, to a great extent, eliminated.

HEAT is essential to GOOD HEALTH and this can be secured for a very moderate outlay.



<b>COTTON BLANKETS.</b>	<b>WOOL BLANKETS.</b>	<b>WADDEN QUILTS.</b>
70c., \$1.00,	\$2.10, \$2.80,	\$2.20 to \$5.80.
\$1.30, \$1.60,	\$3.30, \$4.20,	EIDERDOWN.
\$2.20, \$2.90.	\$5.00, \$7.20,	\$6.60, \$8.00, \$10.20,
Children's	to \$14.00.	\$15.00 to \$25.00.
50c. to 85c.	Children's	Children's
	\$1.80 to \$3.60.	\$2.00 to \$4.50.



## HERRING FISHERY SHOWS UP GOOD

Western Star Says it Promises to be Good One For Bay of Islands—Splendid Catches

This year's herring fishery promises to be a good one for Bay of Islands, if one may judge from present indications. During the past week both Penguin, Goose and North Arms were literally alive with the fish; not for years have the fishermen had such real satisfaction attending their nets.

At morning, noon and evening the fishing was good, and up to date some of the boats have stocked more than they did all last fall.

**Loaded and Sailed.**  
The American vessels Maxine Elliott, Ramona, Senator and Athlete have loaded and sailed the past week. The Arkona, which arrived on the 3rd, finished loading yesterday. The Lottie G. Merchant reached Middle Arm Thursday, and by Friday evening had 800 barrels of herring on board. She finished loading yesterday. The British schr. W. C. McKay also finished and is ready for sea.

**Some Arrivals.**  
The following vessels have arrived this season for herring cargoes: American—Atlanta, Ramona, Maxine Elliott, Senator, Arhona, Lottie G. Merchant, Athlete, Bohemia, Annie M. Parker. British—W. C. McKay, W. C. Smith, Gladys Smith, J. D. Hazen, Assurance and Alma Nelson.

The schr. Arbitrator sailed from Gloucester a week ago, and the Aloha, Capt. W. Parsons, and Oriole, Capt. L. Wharton, are also on the way to Bay of Islands for herring cargoes.

## RUSSIAN TROOPS ROUT THE KURDS

Petrograd, Nov. 15.—An official dispatch from Caucasus headquarters says: "There has been nothing new during the day of Nov. 13th."

On the 12th a number of detachments of Kurdish cavalry made their appearance south of Karaklis, and Alahekketa, and came into collision with our cavalry.

**Had To Put Back**  
The French trawler "La Provence" which sailed Saturday for Fecamp, was obliged to put back owing to the heavy sea outside. She will sail again to-day.

## BETTER TO SEND LOCAL TOBACCO

The idea of sending smokes to our volunteers on land and at sea has met with the approval of all. Many letters have appeared in the British papers from soldiers and not a few report that their tobacco ran short and also how difficult it was to get matches.

Non-smokers have no idea what it is to be out of tobacco. The pipe or a cigarette is a great comfort to the men during the long hours of watching and waiting.

**Not Forgetting Them.**  
Great Britain is not forgetting her soldiers in this connection. Canada is not forgetting her boys, and we feel confident now that the mater is taken up, our little bunch will not go short either.

A correspondent in Saturday's "Telegram" says "if the goods from here are to be landed duty free would it not be a much better plan to purchase that tobacco and cigarettes in England." This is about as sensible as the giving of a reception to the captain of the Emden.

If we are sending a present from home, let it be a present from home. The British authorities are not going outside to buy their tobacco, neither are the Canadians.

The Gem cigarette is the popular brand here and it is a very easy matter to find out the favorite plug tobacco.

The order will be a large one and at the tobacco works there are more than a hundred employees and it should be our aim to encourage this local industry as others while the war lasts at least.

Many citizens have spoken to us on this matter and all agree that the goods sent should be the product of the local concern.

## DEATH OF COND. HOWLETT

Yesterday St. John's received another great shock when it heard of the death of Conductor 'Steve' Howlett, who passed away at the age of 68.

Decased was one of our first railway employes and he remained at the work until illness and death made it necessary to stop.

A familiar figure to all, he had the greatest confidence of the public. With him in charge, everyone was safe and secure.

Only two years ago he saved the life of a child, who ran across the track near the Railway Station. Running in front of an approaching train, he snatched the little one from an awful death, at imminent personal danger.

In June last he had an attack of heart failure, from which he rallied and was able to get about as usual.

Three weeks ago a second severe one seized him and last evening he passed away. He is survived by a widow, a son, Frank, in Western Canada, and three daughters, Mrs. Alex. Saunders at Whitbourne, and the Misses Rose and Ida Howlett, who resided with their parents and to them we extend sympathy.

## WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon) — Strong winds, gales, S. shifting to W.N.W., with rain; colder by Tuesday night.

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